GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:71
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BAN ON STATE LOTTERIES .
PALANIYAPPA GOUNDER KUMARASAMY;VAIKO

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government propose to ban State lotteries by a legislation ;

(b) if so, the time by which the said legislation is likely to be brought;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any resistance for the proposed ban on State lotteries;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI)
(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) The Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999, which seeks to prohibit the organisation, conduct and promotion of lotteries falling under entry 40 of List I -Union List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India has already been introduced in the Rajya Sabha.
(c) Does not arise.
(d) to (f) : Some State Governments, Members of Parliament, etc. have opposed the proposed ban on lotteries. The Central Government perceives lotteries as a social evil which needs to be eliminated.